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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ISOS - SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

1. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT RESEARCHVESSELS ISLAS ORCADAS, CONRAD, AND MELVILLE, CURRENTLY OPERATING ON ISOS IN GENERAL AREA OF DRAKE PASSAGE, ALL ARE EQUIPPED WITH FACILITIES TO COMMUNICATE VIA ATS SATELLITE WITH US AND WITH EACH OTHER.

2. UPON LEARNING THERE WAS ALSO AN ATS COMMUNICATION STATION IN BUENOS AIRES, WE HAVE PURSUED THIS AND FOUND THAT IT IS LOCATED IN THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS HERE AND OPERATES IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. OF US.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT APPROVAL OF GENERAL ELECTRIC WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY USE OF THIS STATION IN CONNECTION WITH ISOS. WE ARE TOLD THAT PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR GE IS MR ROY E. ANDERSON, GE R&D CENTER, P.O. BOX 43, SCHENECTADY, N.Y., 12301, TEL 518-374-2211.

4. WHILE WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT WISH USE THIS CHANNEL ROUTINELY IN ANY WAY FOR COMMUNICATING WITH SHIPS, WE CAN ENVISAGE CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR EMBASSY AND/OR UNCLASSIFIED

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A LOCAL SHIPS AGENT TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE OR

MORE OF THESE SHIPS USING THIS METHOD. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
APPEARS WILLING IF GE AGREES. WE ARE, HOWEVER, UNINFORMED ON
PURPOSES OF AND CONSTRAINTS WHICH APPLY TO GE/AAF ATS LINK.

5. IF NSF AGREES AND IS WILLING TO PURSUE, PLEASE CONTACT
ANDERSON AND/OR NASA AND ADVISE EMBASSY AS TO FEASIBILITY
OF ABOVE.

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